tourist centre. The water falling in the falls can be exploited for drinking water.

The integrated drinking water scheme at Hogenakal, which would entail considerable expenditure, will solve the drinking water problem of Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri districts. Since the State was reeling under drought and recent tsunami disaster, the State is not in a position to invest the money. But the State is taking all steps to implement the project.

Only with the assistance of Central Government, the project can be implemented. Although the matter was raised in Parliament several times by me, yet no action has been taken by the Central Government.

There are no major industries in the Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri districts and, as such, there are no employment opportunities. Agriculture is the main occupation there. Since there is no water, agricultural operations have been affected. People may be forced to migrate to other places.

It is estimated that about Rs. 1300 crore will be involved in the implementation of this project. I urge upon the Central Government to fully assist the State Government in this regard or obtain the World Bank loan at the earliest. Thank you, Sir.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

The Hire-Purchase (Repeal) Bill, 2005.

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal the Hire-Purchase Act, 1972.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

STATUTORY RESOLUTION

Seeking approval of the proclamation issued by the President in relation to state of Bihar.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): Sir, I rise to move: